



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
Draft Meeting Minutes

DATE: Wednesday, August 21, 2013
TIME: 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
PLACE: Santa Fe Room, Balboa Park Club
MEETING: Number 256

Commissioners Present:

Chair Mark Dillon
Vice Chair Joel Trambley
Commissioner Bruce Abrams
Commissioner Joyce Abrams
Commissioner Tiffany Harrison
Commissioner Shonee Henry
Commissioner Mitz Lee
Commissioner Susan Thomson Tschirn
Commissioner Monica Bauer
Commissioner Gagandeep Kaur
Commissioner Lorena Slomanson

Commissioners Excused:

Commissioner Gracia Molina de Pick
Commissioner Mary Alcock
Commissioner Pat Washington

Student Representative Present:

Staff Present:

Danell Scarborough, Executive Director, HRC
Darrin Schwabe, Senior Manager, HRC

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- I. CALL TO ORDER**
- II. MINUTES APPROVAL** – HRC Minutes of July 17, 2013 were approved.
- III. NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT** – None
- IV. PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION/ACTION**
- **Restorative Justice in the Community**
Regan Savalla, Chief Deputy City Attorney, Neighborhood Prosecution Unit
Discussed how the City Attorney's Office develops solutions and implements restorative justice programs in the City. Restorative Justice is an approach to justice that focuses on the needs of the victims and the offenders, as well as the involved community. Examples of the City Attorney's Programs include Serial Inebriate Program, Homeless Outreach Team, Probation Revocations, Community Courts, and more. Handed out 2012 Annual Report for the Neighborhood Prosecution Unit.

V. ACTION AGENDA

- **New Business**

1. Update from Issue Committees

a. Access Committee –

Commissioner Joyce Abrams: Attended Social Services Advisory Board (SSAB) meeting along with Commissioner Alcock, and Commissioner Bruce Abrams who is a member. Reported that improvements are being made along the way although wait times on telephone still lengthy. Rick Wanne, Director of Eligibility Operations, Health and Human Services Agency (HHS) will present on the CalFresh program at the September Commission meeting; Distributed two handouts, one on California performance for use of food stamps by eligible participants, and one on children going hungry. Please review in preparation for September presentation.

b. Civility Committee –

Commissioner Harrison, Chair: Held a Human Trafficking Posting Requirement meeting on July 25th with law enforcement and community based organizations. A lot of the participants were unaware of the poster requirements. There was good discussion with a lot of participants agreeing to help take some type of action in their respective areas. Want to add additional stake-holders for future participation. Also met with Claire Lipschultz, Director of Public Advocacy with the National Council of Jewish Women (Sacramento Section), who was instrumental in writing some of the language for the legislation of SB1193. Ms. Lipschultz said we are on the cutting edge of bringing awareness to this posting requirement. Would like to hold another meeting to continue the momentum.

c. Education Committee –

Commissioner Lee, Chair: The Collaboration Agreement with San Diego Unified School District will be on the board docket on September 17th, 2013.

d. Immigration Committee –

Commissioner Slomanson, Chair: Reviewed current immigration reform legislation and recommended the HRC consider drafting a letter identifying their position; Presented “Stop Notario Fraud” posters and fliers, created by the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, which are available to the public. Suggested the HRC participate in disseminating the materials around the City. Would also like to present fraud awareness in the media on behalf of the HRC. Will present plan at Executive Committee Meeting; Multiple San Diego County police chiefs are supporting the TRUST Act which limits deportations that stem from non violent or lower level crimes. Chiefs include Lansdowne, Bejarano, and Rodriguez; Attended SDIRC meeting; Suggested the human story of immigration at the HRC Recognition Ceremony.

Motion: To draft a letter commending Police Chiefs Lansdowne, Bejarano and Rodriguez for their support of the TRUST Act. Motion Passed

2. Awards Working Group

Commissioner Henry, Co-Chair: Had first planning meeting on June 20th. Established timeline for submission of nominees. Recommend adding a Youth Leadership Award to the ceremony, either this year or in future years. Group will work on description of the award idea to be presented to Commission. Theme recommendation is Simunye which means “we are one”.

3. Poverty Simulation Working Group

Tabled for future meeting.

VI. INFORMATION AGENDA

- **Chair’s Report**

- Letter to Mayor and Council regarding care and deliberation: Sent letter to Mayor and Council with representation of the opinion of the Commission.
- Letter to Regional Congressional Representatives urging vote on Comprehensive Immigration Reform: Attached to packet handout. Will be signed and delivered on behalf of the Commission.
- Mesa College Tribute to Gracia Molina de Pick: Wonderful event recognizing our amazing Commissioner for her incredible contributions to the community as a life-long Educator, Feminist, and Activist.

- **Commissioners’ Reports**

- No reports.

- **Executive Director’s Report**

- HRC website updated with photos. We will take a group picture tonight and would like to add individual Commissioner pictures next to bio on website.

VII. ADJOURNED MEETING AT 6:40 p.m.

VIII. NEXT MEETING DATE: September 18, 2013